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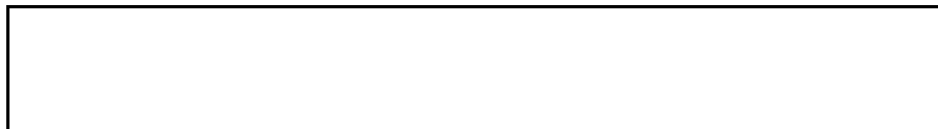
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*Brazil: The anti-Goulart revolt which began yesterday appears to be spreading.

The rebellion was sparked by army units under command of General Mourao Filho, head of the Fourth Military Region in Minas Gerais State. Mourao has demanded President Goulart's resignation, justifying this move as necessary to stop the growing Communist influence in Brazil. At last report, Mourao's troops were moving to the State border. Governor Magalhaes Pinto has issued a proclamation supporting the action against Goulart. Other units, including the air force base in Belo Horizonte, reportedly were joining the rebellion.

In Sao Paulo, there are indications that Second Army Commander General Amaury Krueel is preparing to join the movement. Sao Paulo Governor Adhemar de Barros, a bitter Goulart foe, is also expected to throw his support behind the rebels along with several other governors.

First Army units from Rio de Janeiro have been ordered to move against Mourao. No immediate fighting has been reported, but the possibility of violence appears to be increasing. All army and navy units are on full alert.

The situation remains tense and confused in Rio where pro-Goulart forces are expected to make a strong stand. A general strike called by the Communist-dominated General Workers Command appears to be

partially effective. Meanwhile, Governor Lacerda's police began rounding up Communist labor leaders.

Army Chief of Staff Castello Branco, leader of a strong opposition movement in the armed forces, is expected to make known his plans momentarily. His decision could well be the determining factor in any showdown between Goulart and the military.

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South Vietnam: The Viet Cong appear to be singling out key officials for assassination in an effort to hamstring the Khanh regime's program for placing better qualified leaders in the countryside.

On 29 March a Communist road mine was electrically detonated under a jeep carrying the commander of the Vietnamese 7th Division, an especially effective unit located in the hard-pressed Mekong delta area. The commander's vehicle was singled out for attack from a four-vehicle convoy, but he escaped injury.

In an incident last week, the Viet Cong killed the highly regarded chief of the critical Dinh Tuong Province, also in the delta.

Recent Viet Cong terrorism has also been concentrated on hamlet and village chiefs. If the Viet Cong campaign continues, rural authorities may become increasingly reluctant to provide "grass roots" leadership by day-to-day exposure in the less secure areas.

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Cyprus: Refusal by UN officers of a Greek Cypriot request for advance notification of planned patrols by UN forces probably will be followed by other Greek Cypriot attempts to limit the freedom of action of the peace-keeping force. Athens has announced willingness to withdraw the Greek Army contingent from Cyprus if Ankara will withdraw the Turkish contingent --a move apparently designed to assist Makarios in his campaign to have the Turkish unit withdrawn.

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South Korea - Japan: The South Korean Government has called for a "cooling-off period" on normalizing relations with Japan. During this time, administration strong-man Kim Chong-pil is to lead an effort to undercut domestic opposition to the Tokyo negotiations. Because the current Japanese Diet session will probably end in mid-May, the cooling-off period will have to be short if a ratified settlement is to be achieved this year.

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British Guiana: The new British governor intends to override opposition from Premier Jagan's People's Progressive Party (PPP) to new general elections under proportional representation--a system decreed by London last October, but one the PPP fears may result in its ouster. The governor says he will issue orders directly to the civil service if--as could be inferred from earlier PPP statements--Jagan's administration does not cooperate in the election. British-appointed electoral officers are expected to arrive today in Georgetown.

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